

A Copy of a Letter sent to the Hague, about the latter end of 1691, with a Book inclosed, (hereafter mentioned and styled up and superscribed after the following Manner.

These for Him that is commonly stiled, William King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, whoesoever be now inhabits in Holland, or in those parts beyond the Sea, to be opened by himself only; with all carefullness and speed. This is declared and executed in the Name of the Great and Almighty God, whose Truth is it.

To the present King William, Richard Scallford, a Scribe of Your Majesty, for the Temporal Preservation, and Eternal Salvation.

IN Order to that, You are desired and required (by the Duty which you owe to God, and by that concern that hath for the welfare of thine Immortal Soul, in the succeeding and eternal state) to read these Words of the Lord, and these Declarations of the Lord thy God, which are here gathered together in this Book inclosed, and called the Word of Truth, entitled, Things plain and weighty, &c. Which I have published fairly into the World, and have taken this method to send it unto thy self, that thou mayest know the things which lo greatly and immediately belong unto thee. Thou mayest be left but half a minute cast thine Eye upon the lower most Paragraph of Page 6. and thou shalt see to Page 12, wherein if it did to happen unto thee, it was expressed in the Publick Decree, when thou wentest forth in the *Ireland Expedition*, that highway to the prison of Hell, as the rearing of the Stern of a Ship to sink at Sea, 1 Kings 19. 27. 28. That the Ship shall be removed from thee, (but thy Body shall not be hurt nor injured) and removed like to a Neighbour of thine, who had both the Sight and Possession before thou wast cast off away from him by false Accusation. It was an effect of Gods Justice, that thou hadst taken Possession, and after a long time, as thou shalt see, thou shalt appear in an Open and Hostile manner against thy Uncle and Father in Law, and thou also shalt not fall as *Rahab-Gilead*, 1 Kings 22. 20. by a false accusation, upon *Ahab*, as it there receiveth. Thou shalt see the bloody condition, that thou shalt be in thy Brother, he a Murderer: and yet know that he Murderer hath served thee, 1 John 3. 24. and thou mayest for this be judged by God, to take to thee *Parsons, and Ministers*, 1 Tim. 1. 9. Against which the Law of God is made to take hold of thee, notwithstanding thou art their Master, and Law of them, and thou shalt see his Life, and cleanse those Hands, for God knows the Heart, and what is in thy mind to kill and slay, and what within as an Enemy. As also his Law, and precommanded *Parsons, Ministers*, verse 10. and the therefore liable to the Law of God, though now by reason of their multitude, they escape all punishment. Except ye repent, ye shall all perish for evermore. And it shall be given to thee, and thy Family, and Country, of the Law of thy God, if thou wilt. Kingdom that hath given by Violence and Wrong, and the Law of Ordinance of God to the contrary intended. If thou wilt still try and endeavour to keep that which God hath decreed to take from thee, he will be accounted to too strong for thee. For, as the Lord saith, the Lord shall smite him, in his day shall smite him, or he shall deliver him Battle and perill, 1 Sam. 26. 16. For thou shalt be brought down to Hell (which calleth the Grave) to the Gates of the Pit, Job. 24. 18. And thou shalt be brought with it to Hell, and thou shalt be damned for evermore, which shall be the

World; for he did long ago counsel and admonish *K. William*, seeing he is so desirous of a Kingdom, that he take heed, lest by endeavouring to keep a tottering moveable Kingdom here on Earth, he lose that Eternal Kingdom above, which cannot be shaken; which counsel at that time, viz. January 4. 1689. was not taken and received; but then there will be worse and longer Indignation and Anguish, than thou didst not in the days of thy Tryal comply therewith. (Mark this) "God can turn the Hearts of our Lords, and Counsellors, and wise Men, that they may perceive their sin and error: And they may undoe that by the words of Truth and Righteousness, which was transacted by a little more than the greater number of those who were misled by Ignorance, sinful and Ungodly Principles, or *Thoughts of Iniquity*. So that if thou wilt not do it of thy own accord, and free mind, God will do it either by way of Judgment or Mercy. It is by way of Mercy, as long as there shall not be the least harm done to thy outward Person; but only thou art to be Gently, *Isa. 40. 1.* (for so is God's method) put down one step lower into that station thou wert in before. Herein no wrong will be done unto thee; For, *Canst Princes be contented, except they be altogether Kings?* What a Confusion and Disturbance would this make throughout the whole Creation, if every Man, wherein God hath placed him, would not therein abide; but he would step out or above his Rank, whither by Right or Wrong, Violence or Cunning? Thou sensibly, and by experience, knowest that Ambition is restless and uneasie, and *thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way*: So that if thou dost come down from what thou art now climbed up, and to what thou wert before, thou wilt live more happy and contented here on Earth, and be in the true and ready way to Heaven, which is, in keeping the Commandments of God, and not going aside; but to remain in that calling or condition, in that rank and Degree, wherein the Creator of Mankind did place and appoint thee. However, Think or do whatever thou wilt, it is most wicked, and provoking to attempt it; but it is vain and impossible to resist God. For though thou Ungodly and Rebellious mayest seek and endeavour to do it for a while, yet he cannot long continue to act contrary to what God hath purposed. *There is no Wisdom, nor Understanding, nor Counsel against the Lord.*

It is my proper business to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin; even to the King upon the Throne, all one as to the Beggar upon the Dunghill. And therefore I do here use this freedom in words of truth; for, Cursed is that Deceiver, who doth the Work of the Lord deceitfully. But I do really and unfeignedly desire, that thou mayest live out all those days, which God hath appointed to the Life of Man upon Earth. Take heed therefore, because thou hast been a *Man of War*, whose sword hath shed much blood: And it being both written, and often experienced, *All they that take the Sword, shall perish with the Sword*, *Mat. 26. 52.* and their Blood is oftentimes shed on the Earth: Thy own memory and knowledge can furnish thee with several Examples of those who have been at last killed in War, after they have fought many Battles, and escaped many near imminent dangers; I say again therefore unto thee, Take great heed unto thy self, least it should happen unto thee after this manner: My heart desire and prayer unto God is, that thou mayest be eternally saved; but in order to that, it is necessary to tell thee, That it is impossible for God to lie, and that it is a contradiction in terms, That he (who accepteth not the person of Princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor, for they are all the work of his hands) should save any one whatever in the continued breach and transgression and contempt of his own Laws. If the King doth indeed desire to live for ever, and would be saved by Christ, and partake of the heavenly Blessing, there is no other way to obtain all this, but by turning himself away from his Iniquities, or In-Equities, viz. by ceasing to do those things which are not equal.

As thou hast any regard to thine own Eternal Happiness or Misery, consider what is here spoken, and give the glory, as to Obey him in all things. Only in so doing thou shalt



*To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of England,
at what Time or Place soever, They shall be in Parliament Assembled.*

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servation, and Eternal Salvation.*

IN Order to that, I have sent you these three Printed Testimonies of Truth, which God hath been pleased to shew unto me his Servant; to the intent that they may be carefully laid up against the next Sessions of Parliament, when they shall continue to sit to do Business. Such a great Counsel and Assembly is not to be concerned with every trifle and imperiency; but seeing that it is now come to pass in this Generation and latter days, That they who have so long sate to make Laws for others, God hath now raised up one to set his Laws before themselves; Ye ought not to be still as your Fore-fathers, a Rebellious and Stubborn Generation, who have continually cast away the Law of the Lord of Hosts, and despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel, who will not suffer all his Judgments to be before you, but ye do put away his Statutes from you. For the times past may suffice the Nations to have reigned wholly themselves, and to shut out the sense of God with the knowledge and Obligation of his Law; this is hardly suffered to come into their minds, but in no wise to enter into their Consultations. But this know, that God did never give Riches and Honour to any of his Creatures for them to despise him after this manner. Wherefore ye ought to receive and hearken, and attend unto the Words of his Grace and Truth. Whereby, or the like words, The Lord of Hosts hath purposed to Order and Establish Government and Peace; (for both should go together) with Judgment and with Justice, from henceforth even for ever, and to settle Right counsels in these three Kingdoms, which are united one to another. And the like way and method (by Obedience unto the Lord, and by doing according to the Laws, Rules, and Directions he hath given) will be transmitted to all the other Habitable Parts of the Earth. Which now with its Foundations are out of course, and the dark places thereof are full of the habitations of cruelty. But the way is shewed, and the means are left in your power to set them in right order again, and to adjust all things by way of Mercy and Reconciliation.

It will be convenient upon the first day, or at the beginning of your Meeting, to bring forth these Books of Divine Truths in (which there is not one Sentence or Line, without Plain and weighty signification) that they may be read amongst you. For the Word of the Great and Eternal God, should be preferred before the Speech of a little and dying Man.

I thought it convenient to do thus, and advertise you hereto by this way of writing, or Epistle; because in case of my own Mortality, That ye may be able after my Decease to have these things always in Remembrance. If God, in whose hand my Breath is, should take it away by Sickness, or common Accident; or if the Devil by his Incarnate Instrument, and by the outward means of Assassination, Poison, close Imprisonment; (and so dying for want of Air) or by that Judiciary kind of Murder, as in times past, as by slaying the Prophets for sitting the Laws of God before the People, and for testifying against their Transgression, and for exhorting to the Observance of the Commandments. Yet, if any of these should happen unto me, I shall see again the judgment of my Co-

neration, and more particularly, those who shall *Persecute* or *Murder* me. VVhich God forbid and restrain them from either. *I shall also know, and make my Return* *how ye have received and obeyed this Word.* However it was sent unto, and delivered unto you at such a Time, and after such a manner, That ye may nevertheless take this great Matter into Consideration. And if *Righteousness* and *Peace* be thereby thoroughly and universally established upon *sure, firm and lasting Foundations*, It will be the most Glorious and Happy Session that hath been in *England* this last hundred years, or ever since it hath been a Nation and People. For it is both their bounden Duty, and it is necessarily required to their Good, for the whole World, and all things therein to obey the Law of their great Creator. And notwithstanding all foolish, vain or false Imaginations, This will be your *Wisdom* and your *Honour* in the sight of the other Nations of the World, and all besides that is really excellent and truly desirable.

Which, that ye may all do, I shall not only pray to God after the manner of *Formal Clergy-Men*, or *Black-Worshippers*; But I do herein put you in Mind, That ye both may, and also ye are hereby required to do according as God hath said and commanded in the Bible. And to this the Obligation is as much greater then for any to comply with your Acts, Statutes, Ordinances, Constitutions, as God is great than Man, *Heaven* higher than Earth, *Eternity* longer than this short Life, a most perfect and enduring Happiness, and Salvation doth exceed the fading, imperfect, trivial Conveniencies, and the unassured Preservation which can be had in this World.

So witnesseth,

Richard Stafford, a Scribe according to the Promise and sending of Jesus Christ Who all that he spake, did or suffered, was to this great and only end, That he might bring us to God;

Dated from
London, July
21. 1691.

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